

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application:

Listing of Claims:

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C 1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) A heavy duty pneumatic tire, wherein said heavy duty pneumatic tire employs in its bead portion a chafer rubber composition, A chafer rubber composition,

wherein in said chafer rubber composition 55-75 parts by weight of carbon black having a nitrogen adsorption specific surface area of 70-120 m<sup>2</sup>/g and 0.2-0.5 parts by weight of 1, 3-bis (citraconimidomethyl) benzene are blended with respect to 100 parts by weight of a rubber component including 30-50 parts by weight of natural rubber and/or polyisoprene rubber and 50-70 parts by weight of polybutadiene rubber which has a syndiotactic crystal content of at least 5% by weight, wherein a ratio S/A of a blended amount of sulfur S and a blended amount of vulcanization accelerator A is in a range between 0.25 and 0.5.

3. (Canceled)

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